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1. There was heavy flying with swept-back wing jet aircraft (type 1), two-seat jet aircraft with conventional wings (type 2), conventional fighters and biplanes at the Finow (W 53/V 08) airfield. The weather was fair but later became overcast. Eighteen jet aircraft of type 1 and 14 jet aircraft of type 2 were counted, not including the jet planes, covered with camouflaged tarpaulins, which were parked on the northern edge of the field without any discernible order.
2. Photographs were taken of the airfield and the aircraft. The jet aircraft of type 1 shone brightly. It could not be determined whether they were single or two-seat. Their take-off speed was greater than previously observed.
3. The jet aircraft of type 2 had a dark-green camouflage paint. They were two-seat, both crew members facing forward. The landing gear was not retracted during the flights, lasting for up to 6 minutes. The type 2 planes gained height in different stages when taking off whereas the type 1 planes climbed evenly.
4. The flight time of the jet aircraft varied between 3 minutes 40 seconds and 5 minutes 50 seconds. It was particularly noticed that the jet planes did not need the entire length of the runway when landing but stopped taxiing about 300 meters from the end. They also had a shorter take-off run than is usual.

5. Single-engine fighters took off on 25 to 30-minute flights at irregular intervals and flew over the field in elements of four. They had two to four barrels, probably weapons, protruding beyond the wings.

6. Various local residents said that there was no night flying at the field.

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8. No Soviet motor vehicles or radar sets were seen in the Finowfurt (N 53/2 98) ~~Castle~~ or its surroundings.

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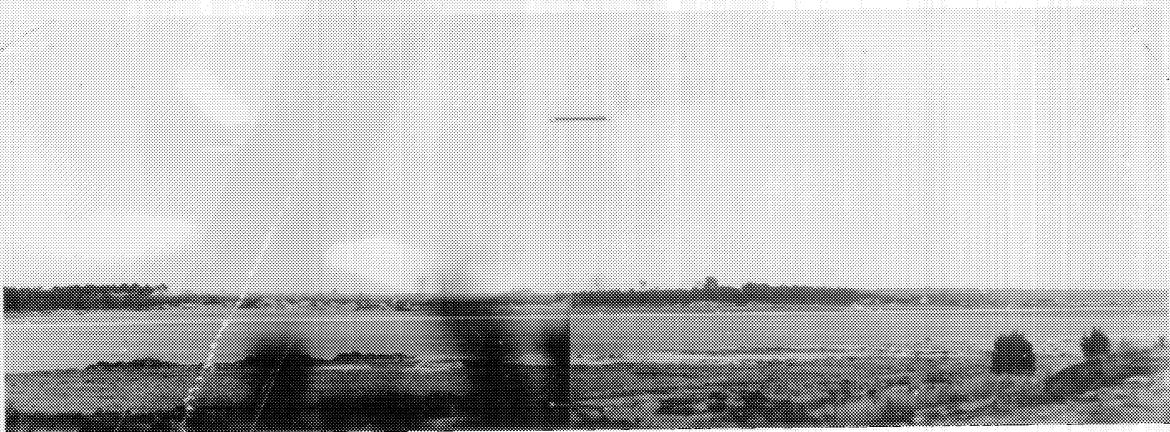
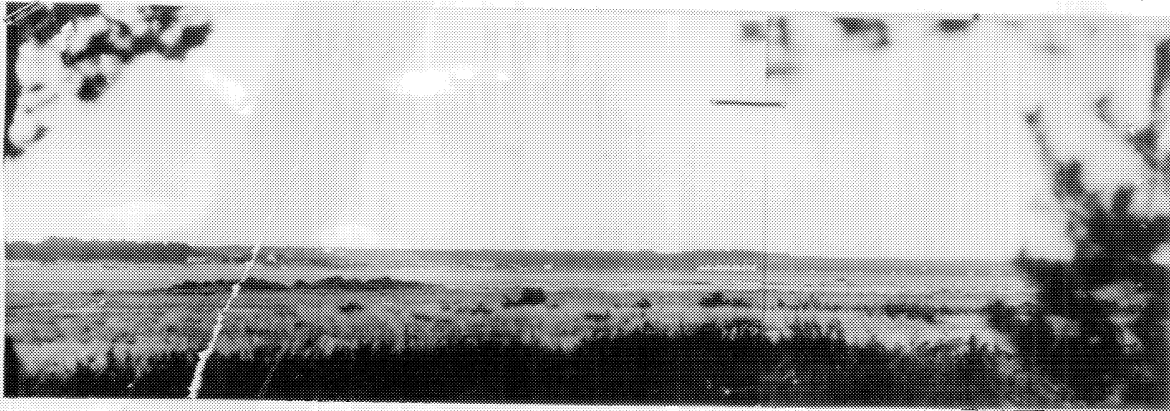
Comment:

a. The attached photographs, taken by the same source as of a previous report *, again confirm that the Finow airfield was occupied by jet aircraft of type 14 (photograph No 2) and jet aircraft of type 16 (photograph No 1). Conventional fighters and conventional training fighters of Yak-11 type (photograph 3) are also stationed at the field. The two-seat jet plane of type 16 is used as a training craft. The number of aircraft of this type has increased compared to previous observations by other sources. Only one or two planes of this type have been previously seen in Finow. About 45 jet aircraft of type 14 are assumed to be stationed there. The total occupation by jet planes amounts to about 60. The field is assumed to be occupied by two fighter regiments apparently not entirely re-equipped with jet planes.

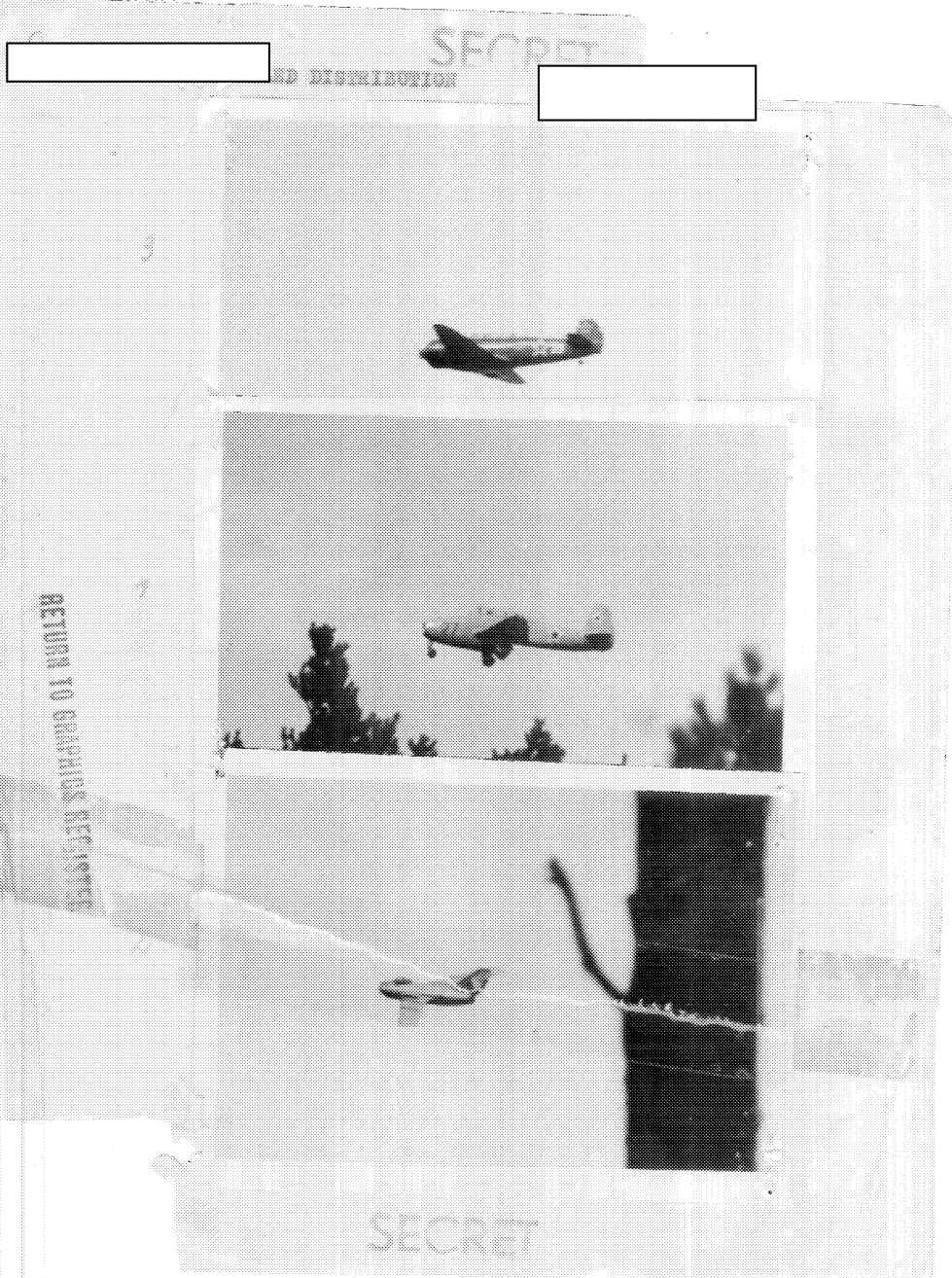
b. The information on an increased take-off speed (para 2) has not been confirmed by other sources.
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